



Livingston Ave., Hastings St. and Adjacent Street Construction

The City of Grand Rapids will reconstruct or resurface the below street segments this construction season and next. You are invited to a meeting to discuss the work to be completed, the schedule, and access during construction. You received this letter because you are within 350 feet of the projects.

Construction Preparation Meeting

Date & Time Monday, March 25, 2019 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Grand Valley State University Finkelstein Hall (Room 221)
500 Lafayette Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Contact Information

311 or 616-456-3000

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grandrapidsmi.gov/roadconstruction

Affected Streets

Reconstructions

- Livingston Ave. (Hastings St. to north end)
- Fairbanks St. (Fairview Ave. to Livingston Ave.)
- Newberry St. (Hester Pl. to Livingston Ave.)
- Hastings St. (Fairview Ave. to Sinclair Ave.)
- Sinclair Ave. (Hastings St. to north end)

Newly Created Streets

- Trowbridge St. (North Ave. to Sinclair Ave.)
- Sinclair Ave.-College Ave. Connector

Resurfacing

- Lafayette Ave. (Michigan St. to Hastings St.)
- Hastings St. (Sinclair Ave. to College Ave.)

Tentative Construction Schedule

April-September 2019

Hastings St. (Fairview Ave. to Prospect Ave.),

Lafayette Ave. (Michigan St. to Hastings St.)

June-October 2019

Livingston Ave., Fairbanks St., and Newberry St.

2020

Hastings St. (Prospect Ave. to College Ave.), Trowbridge St., Sinclair Ave.-College Ave. Connector

After-Hours Emergency Number

616-456-3249



Construction Information

Street and Sidewalk Construction

- On Livingston Ave. and Hastings St., the streets' full width will be reconstructed, including curb and gutter.
- On Fairbanks St. and Newberry St., the work will either fully or partially reconstruct the street.
- On Lafayette Ave. (Michigan St. to Hastings St.) and Hastings St. (Sinclair Ave. to College Ave.), the road will be resurfaced. This is a less intensive process than a reconstruction and involves removing and replacing the road surface.
- On all the affected street segments, the sidewalk will be replaced where needed. The contractor will coordinate with those affected in advance if the work will impact sidewalk adjacent to driveways/driveway access.

Water Main (Livingston Ave. Hastings St., and Sinclair Ave.)

- The water main, which provides water to all properties along the streets, will be replaced.
- The project will replace lead water service lines into residences if authorized by property owners. If the water service lines have already been replaced then this does not pertain to you. If your residence still has lead water service lines, the City's Water Department will contact you if they haven't already.
- Typically, there will be two water shutdowns: once when the new main is placed in service (4 to 8 hours) and another to connect individual water services for each property to the new main (2 to 4 hours). There may be a third shut down to complete the final main switch. The contractor will provide notice 24 hours in advance. Occasionally, a water main may accidentally break during construction. If this should happen, there will not be notification, but repairs will be made as quickly as possible to restore service.
- Following a water shutdown, calcified deposits may be dislodged by water pressure once the system is turned back on. Please run outside faucets first and then the faucets in all sinks to clear the lines. If some faucets are running slowly, it may be necessary to check the screens and clean off any debris.

Sanitary Sewer (Hastings St. and Sinclair Ave.)

- The sanitary sewer main, which handles wastewater from all properties along the street, will be replaced.
- Sanitary laterals to the property line will be replaced. Sanitary laterals connect buildings to the sanitary sewer main.
- There will be no interruption to sewer service.

Storm Sewer and Green Infrastructure (Livingston Ave., Fairbanks St., Newberry St., Hastings St., and Sinclair Ave.)

For Fairbanks St. and Newberry St., a storm sewer system, which handles stormwater, will be installed. Stormwater is rainwater or water from melting snow or ice. The stormwater system includes catch basins (the grates found periodically along the curb) that collect the water from the street and carry it into a main line. The existing catch basins are connected to the sanitary sewer and this project will fix that.

Rain gardens, a form of green infrastructure, may also be installed at Livingston Ave.'s intersections with Trowbridge St., Fairbanks St., and Newberry St. Green infrastructure retains and soaks stormwater into the ground to filter pollutants and reduce runoff entering natural bodies of water.

For Hastings St., the storm sewer system will be upgraded. Infiltration catch basins, another form of green infrastructure, will be installed in some locations to process stormwater.

Driveway Approaches (Livingston Ave., Fairbanks St., Newberry St., Hastings St., and Sinclair Ave.)

- All driveway approaches on Livingston Ave., Hastings St., and Sinclair Ave. will be replaced. Driveway approach work on Fairbanks St. and Newberry St. will be determined. Affected residents will not have access to their driveways for 5-7 days while the work is completed and the concrete cures. The contractor will coordinate with those affected in advance.
- Driveway access may not be available when road work is directly in front of a driveway.

Parkways and Street Trees (All Streets)

- Sidewalk, curb, and drive approach work may disturb the parkway (the area between the curb and sidewalk). Should this happen, the area will be restored with grass. Please water the area to help the grass establish.
- Property owners should remove plants, landscaping, etc. in the parkway they want to save prior to the start of construction.

- Property owners who have a sprinkler system are asked to mark their sprinkler heads with flags, sticks, or spray paint. Sprinklers that are broken during construction will be repaired.
- Some street trees may be removed as they would be adversely impacted by the construction.
- New street trees will be planted where needed.

Access and Parking (All Streets)

- Streets under construction will be closed to through traffic with local and emergency vehicle access maintained.
- No parking will be allowed on the streets during construction hours.
- Residential parking permit holders unable to park on their street may park on other streets within the zone. For a map of the zone, please our website.

Detour Routes (Hastings St.)

- Phase 1 of this year's construction will close the Hastings St. and Coit Ave. intersection. The detour route will use Michigan St., Lafayette St., and Fairbanks St.
- Phase 2 construction will close the Hastings St. and Lafayette Ave. intersection. The detour route will use Michigan St., Coit Ave., and Fairbanks St.
- All detour routes will be clearly marked.

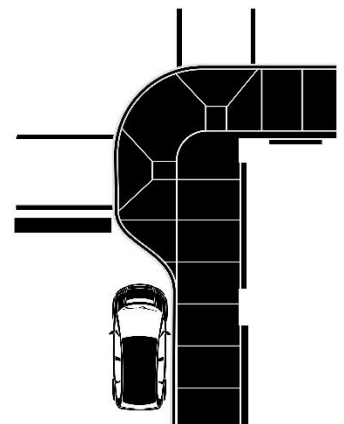
Other Items (All Streets)

- Recycling and refuse service will be maintained but bins must be placed in their normal spots the night before collection day. Failing to do so may result in a missed collection. If needed, the contractor will move the bins to where they can be emptied and return them.
- Mail delivery will be maintained.
- Typical construction hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Occasionally, work may be done on Sunday. Work hours are dependent on weather and the contractor's schedule.
- As part of the City's efforts to better manage stormwater, residents are encouraged to participate in a rain barrel workshop hosted by the West Michigan Environmental Action Council. Please visit wmeac.org/rainbarrels or call the Council at 616-451-3051 for more information.

Design

During 2019, the projects will:

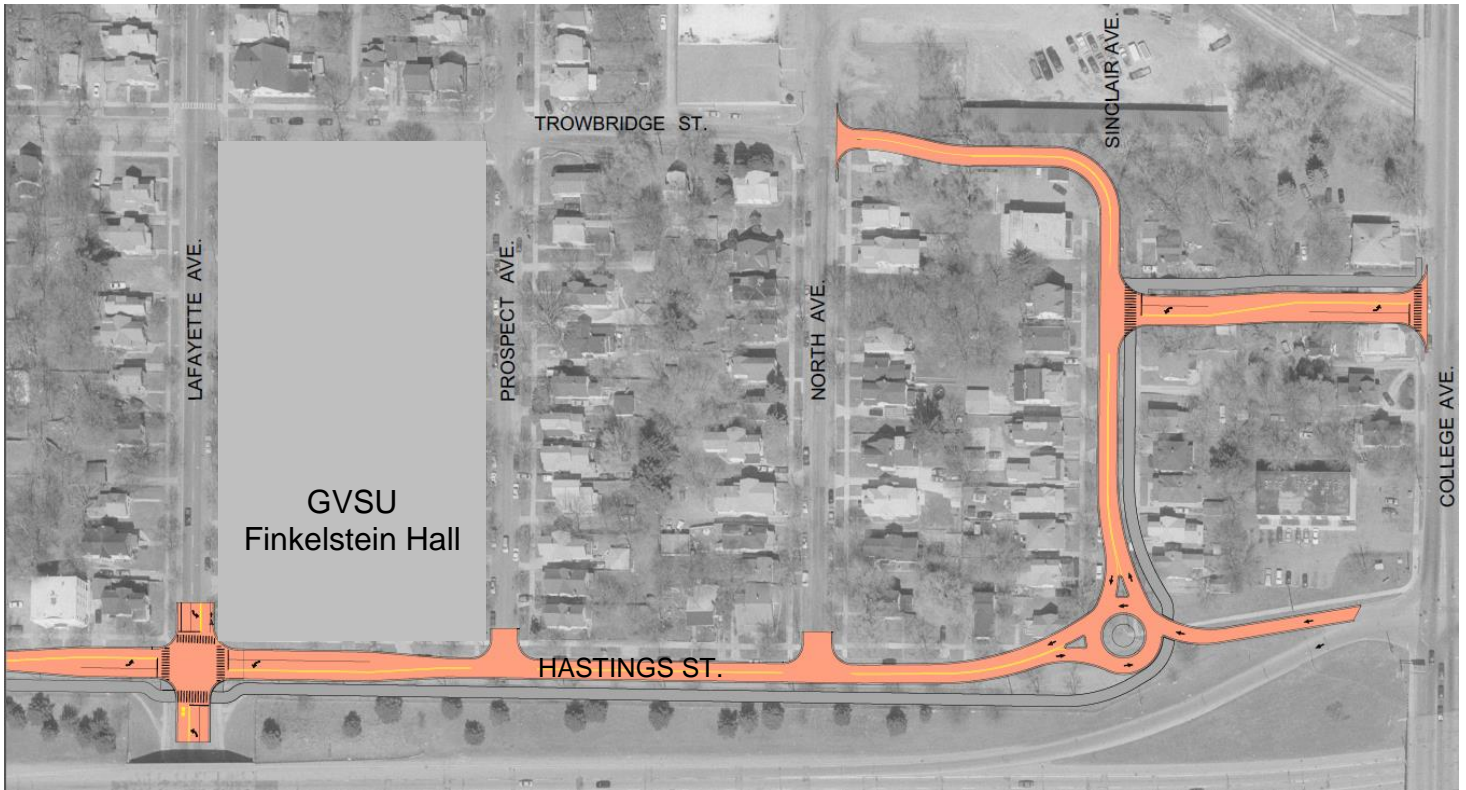
- return Livingston Ave. (Hastings St. to Newberry St.) to its existing configuration.
- narrow Livingston Ave. (Newberry St. to north end) approximately four feet to match the width of the rest of Livingston Ave.
- create bulb-outs on Livingston Ave. at intersections to slow traffic speeds, lessen the street crossing distance for people walking, create room for rain gardens, and better define parking spaces.
- install a new traffic signal at the Hastings St. and Lafayette Ave. intersection. Currently, it is a four-way stop.
- install left turn lanes on Hastings St. at Lafayette Ave. This means on-street parking will be removed on Hastings St. from Coit Ave. to Prospect Ave. Please see the image on the next page.



Bulb-out Illustration

During 2020, the projects will:

- construct new connection between Sinclair Ave. and College Ave. and extend Trowbridge St. from North Ave. to Sinclair Ave. to provide direct access to College Ave. and better connect the Belknap area to the street grid. Please see the image on the next page.
- create a roundabout at Hastings St. and Sinclair Ave. to direct traffic to and from the new and existing connections between Sinclair Ave. and College Ave. and to slow vehicles entering the neighborhood.
- install a new traffic signal at the College Ave. end of the new Sinclair Ave.-College Ave. Connector.
- continue the pathway on the south side of Hastings St. from Coit Ave. to College Ave.



Para una traducción de este documento en español, marque 3-1-1 o 616-456-3000. | Persons needing accommodations for effective meeting participation should contact Community Engagement no later than one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, interpretive, or other assistance. | Project Numbers: 18073 and 17041.